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Rt 6 bridge

Subject: New Bedford - Fairhaven Bridge

IN REPLY REFER TO:
HB-MA

September 5, 1985

Mr. Donald Cooke
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
J. F. Kennedy Federal Building
Boston, Massachusetts 02203

Dear Mr. Cooke:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Works (MDPW) intends to begin work on the above project soon. As part of the design effort, the impacts associated with the removal and disposal of material contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) from the bridge site will have to be addressed. It is anticipated that a Task Force consisting of representatives from the MDPW, FHWA, the design consultant and other interested parties will be formed to oversee the design of this project. The Task Force will probably meet on a monthly basis.

Inasmuch as EPA is currently conducting a Remedial Investigation/Fesibility Study of PCB contamination in the New Bedford Harbor, we welcome Mr. Stephen Ells' suggestion that we coordinate the two projects to deal effectively with the PCB's impacts. Toward this end, we look forward to your attendance at the Task Force meetings.

We will contact you when the schedule of meetings has been established. In the interim you may contact Gabriel Brazao at this office (617/494-2518) or Frank Bracaglia at the MDPW (617/973-7484) for additional information on this project.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Walsh
Division Administrator

By: A. R. Churchill
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cc: F. Bracaglia - MDPW - Boston